



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 133**

February Session, 2016

House Bill No. 5136

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2016*

The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Children and  
2      Families, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health,  
3      shall, within available appropriations, establish a program to evaluate  
4      the health of children throughout the state. The commissioners shall  
5      report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
6      statutes, the findings of such program to the joint standing committee  
7      of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
8      children on or before February 1, 2017.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2016</i> | New section |
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**KID**      *Joint Favorable*

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

| Agency Affected            | Fund-Effect         | FY 17 \$               | FY 18 \$ |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Children & Families, Dept. | GF - Potential Cost | greater than \$500,000 | None     |

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

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The bill results in a potential cost of greater than \$500,000 in FY 17 to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF to conduct a study, within available appropriations and in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to evaluate the health of children throughout the state. As the bill does not mandate that the agency perform this study regardless of available funding, the \$500,000 cost is a potential one. There are approximately 800,000 individuals under 18 in Connecticut.

### ***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

Sources: United States Census Bureau - State & County QuickFacts: Connecticut

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)